



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Environmental Permitting Fact Sheet

General Permit for Diversion of Water for Consumptive Use: Authorization Required Categories

Permit Overview

This general permit was issued under the authority of, and administered by the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP's) Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse, Inland Water Resources Division. DEP uses both individual and general permits to regulate activities. Individual permits are issued directly to an applicant. General permits are issued to authorize similar activities by one or more applicants throughout a prescribed geographic area. Those wishing to have their particular activity authorized under an approved general permit must meet certain terms and conditions contained within the general permit. A general permit sets terms and conditions for conducting an activity which, when complied with, are protective of the environment. General permits are a faster and more cost-effective way to permit specific activities.

This general permit is available to those diverting the waters of the state in excess of 50,000 gallons per day, whereby the eligible diversion is expected to have minimal environmental impact. However, because of the particular nature of the eligible diversions, the proposal requires more careful review and approval by the DEP. Eligible diversions include 1) Withdrawal of up to 250,000 gpd – Surface Water / Stratified Drift, 2) Withdrawal of up to 250,000 gpd – Bedrock Aquifer, and 3) Interconnection and Transfer of Up to 1,000,000 gpd.

Authorizing Statutes

This general permit is issued under the authority of sections 22a-6 and 22a-378a of the General Statutes.

Application Process

This is an "authorization required" type general permit. A diversion is authorized under this general permit upon receipt by the DEP of a complete and sufficient request for authorization and subsequent issuance to the requester of a formal letter of authorization from the DEP. The DEP will review your request for authorization for consistency with the general permit. If the request for authorization is found to be complete and consistent with the general permit, the requester will receive a signed letter of approval that includes a specific description of the authorized activity as well as all terms and conditions of that approval. If the request is found to be incomplete or insufficient, the requester may receive a notice of insufficiency providing an opportunity to the requester to supply additional information. If the request is rejected for any reason, a new general permit authorization fee must be submitted with any new request for authorization.

Application Fee

A non-refundable fee of \$2500 is required with each request for authorization.

Permit Duration

This general permit is effective on March 29, 2007 and expires ten years from this date.

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This overview is designed to answer general questions and provide basic information. You should refer to the appropriate statutes and regulations for the specific regulatory language of the different permit programs. This document should not be relied upon to determine whether or not an environmental permit is required. It is *your* responsibility to ensure that all required permits have been obtained.